(c) the measures being taken to increase export of motor parts to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have identified countries/regions where there is export potential for auto components manufactured in India. The major export destination for Indian auto components are USA, Canada, Germany, UK, France, Spain and Mexico. USA and EU alone account for more than 60% of the total export of auto components.

(c) With Government support, the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) is regularly organising as well as taking part in trade exhibitions in the potential markets abroad to promote exports of auto parts. The EEPC is also organising Buyer-Seller Meets both in India and abroad. The Council is in the process of setting up the India Engineering Centre in Chicago to showcase India's engineering items with an emphasis on auto parts. The Indian Engineering Exhibition which is held annually in different countries, will be held this time in Mexico in October, 2005. In addition, the Government is providing all the benefits of the various general export incentive schemes to promote exports of engineering goods including auto parts.

Rejection of shrimp by Japanese importers

986. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seafood importers in Japan recently rejected 28 containers of shrimp exported from the country due to presence of antibiotics in it;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rejected shrimp was of around Rs. 20 crore and 85 per cent of it was from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to create awareness among aqua farmers on usage of antibiotic in aqua farming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per information received-from the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Japanese authorities have rejected 7 consignments of black tiger shrimps of aquaculture origin due to presence of AOZ (3-amino-2-oxazolidinone) a metabolites of Nitrofuran.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Workshops, media campaigns, etc. have been organized-to educate the aqua farmers and encourage them towards not using the banned antibiotics and other drugs in the culture and processing of marine products.

Funds for export-oriented industries of Kerala

987. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 10.69 crores for export-oriented industries of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has demanded some additional amount for export-oriented industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE **AND** INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government has allocated an amount of Rs. 10.69 crores for Kerala under the State component of the assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure & Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme.

(c) to (e) The allocation of the State component of ASIDE scheme to the States/Union Territories is made, *inter-alia,* on the basis of the State-wise data for merchandise exports compiled by the DGCI&S. Demands for additional funds by the State Governments under the State component of the ASIDE scheme are not considered.

Effect of FTAs upon domestic and small scale industries

†988. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conscious of the fact that small scale and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.